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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 26, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Rene Soriano Cuevas was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Roger T. Benitez to serve 151 months in custody, based on Cuevas's conviction for importation of 13.35 kilograms of cocaine. Judge Benitez also ordered that Cuevas serve a five-year term of supervised release following his release from prison, pay a fine of \$1,125, and pay a special assessment of \$100.

According to court documents, Cuevas pled guilty on June 1, 2006, to being the driver of a 2002 Ford Explorer that entered the United States from Mexico through the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry on September 4, 2003, and which contained 13.35 kilograms of cocaine in the dashboard area of the vehicle.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 03CR2739-BEN

Rene Soriano Cuevas

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952, 960

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Customs and Border Protection